



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ralph de la Torre

Group Art Unit: 3732

Serial No.: 10/666,707

Examiner: Annette R. Reimers

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Title: Pericardial Retractor

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPLY

The applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for a one month extension of time to reply to an Office Action dated November 29, 2005. With the extension of time, the time for reply is extended to March 29, 2006 making this reply timely in nature. The \$60 small entity fee for the one month extension is enclosed herewith.

A Statement of the Claims (Amendment) is found on page 2 hereof.

Remarks (Argument) are found on page 6 hereof.